

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts concerning the second amendment and the right to bear arms.

The core thought for me is the protection and safety of my self and my family. That is paramount and should be the basis for all decisions concerning the right to bear arms. The opportunity to defend myself and my family should never be limited. Why?

One must look at the need for defense. Criminals are defined as offenders, crooks, felons, lawbreakers, delinquents, villains and offenders. As such they have no respect for the law so who in their rational mind would believe that if restrictive gun laws were enacted, criminals would suddenly decide that they must “obey” the law and not use a weapon or violence to carry out their victimization of another human being? Criminals have no regard for the law and will not obey any restrictive measure to limit their use of a weapon.

My second point is that law enforcement is conditional and inconsistent. We have seen over the summer that riots and looting have been tolerated in many cities around the country to the extent that the police have either been told to “stand down” and let the “peaceful protestors” loot, burn, destroy property, terrorize citizens or police have been overwhelmed by the rioters and not able to carry out their duty to uphold law and order.

Several police departments have been “defunded” due to political pressure, so the ability to fulfill their duties to protect the citizenry has been limited even further. The ability for the police to protect you and your family vacillates depending on the political or legislative environment in which you live.

The question is what hasn’t changed since the beginning of time? What has always been consistent is the need and ability to protect

yourself, your family and loved ones. The need for protection and safety is consistent while those designated to protect you will change over time as will the ability for them to keep you safe. There is no guarantee that when you, your loved ones or your property are threatened that an organization tasked with your protection will be available to fulfill its purpose to serve and protect.

What should be consistent is your ability to protect yourself no matter the constantly changing environment in which you live or the police operate. That is where the 2nd amendment and my right to bear arms circumvents any environment in which the police are unable or limited in their ability to protect myself or my family.

If my ability to protect myself and family is limited, then the ability for my family to live safely is threatened which is inconsistent with the goals of the Constitution of the United States. I am asking that lawmakers do not follow an agenda that exposes my family to unnecessary risk by limiting my ability to protect them.

Thank you for your time and consideration for this matter.

Sincerely,

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